## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 283 By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Erica Dae Jackson, 2003 Valedictorian of Lewis County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Erica Dae Jackson is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Lewis County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Erica has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, she has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average, with a four-year average of 98.78; and

WHEREAS, Erica has been regularly recognized for her academic achievements: she earned individual class awards in AP U.S. History, Spanish II, Advanced English II and III, and Modern History; she was selected as an Alternate for Girls State; she received the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society American History Award; she was the winner of the 2002 Meriwether Lewis Electric Cooperative Essay Contest; she was named to *Who's Who Among* 

American High School Students; and she was chosen as a National Honor Role Gold Elite Member; and

WHEREAS, she has been involved in a number of activities throughout her high school career: she is a four-year member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, of which she has served as President during her senior year; during her sophomore year, she was a Student Ambassador, and a member of the yearbook staff; she has been a member of the Beta Club for three years, and a member of Leadership Lewis for two years; she was the winner of the 2002 Lewis County High School Talent Show; she was elected to the 2002 Lewis County High School Homecoming Court; and she is currently active in a leading role in the Senior Class play; and

WHEREAS, Erica is an active and devout member of the First Pentecostal Church, which she serves as Choir and Chorale Director; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Erica's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Erica Dae Jackson's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Lewis County High School Valedictorian, Erica Dae Jackson, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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